

Honorable Councilmember Barbara Marshall
City Council Chair
and Councilmembers

RE: Bill 10 (2008) relating to requirements for Transit Oriented
Developments (TOD) IN OPPOSITION

Good Morning Chair Marshall and Councilmembers:

I'm Daisy Murai, a resident of Kapahulu and interested in what types of development is slated for the Kapahulu Neighborhood and mode of transportation for Oahu. I have had the opportunity to ride several different types of transportation whenever I travel out of Oahu, such as the Monorail, The St. Charles Street Car system in New Orleans (steel RAIL tires traveling on steel railroad tracks), the Bullet and the cross country Train in Japan, the Metro Train/Tram system in Washington D.C., ships to Nova Scotia Island, buses, taxi cabs in other areas, etc.

The places I visited were extremely large in size compared to Oahu and not all Mass Transit Stations/Centers had A Transit Oriented Development, such as the ones proposed by Bill 10 (2008). Oahu lacks open spaces, thus the Developers are turning their developments upwards. I can not understand how the City & County of Honolulu will Be able to implement such TOD's, even though off-street parking spaces will be eliminated to make room for such Developments. The City may even have to siege private property for the Transit Stations/Centers and Transit Oriented Developments, further adding density to already dense areas. I shudder to think that ceded lands would be Used to develop Transit Oriented Developments.

The infrastructure for such Development projects will require much more funds to up-grade the existing properties As density increases by building the developments up-ward, as land is very scare on Oahu, further causing a strain On the City's Tax Payers.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

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